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TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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SUBJ: CLOSURE OF THREE PINE TREE STATIONS

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED USG WITH COPY OF DRAFT NOTE RELATING TO CANADIAN INTENTION TO CLOSE THREE PINE TREE STATIONS IN ONTARIO (ARMSTRONG, FOYMOUNT, AND RAY-MORE). EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT THIS SUBJECT WAS MENTIONED BY CANADIANS IN DEFENSE BRIEFING GIVEN SEPTEMBER 4 IN OTTAWA. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE:

BEGIN TEXT

SIR, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA SET OUT IN THE EXCHANGES OF NOTES OF AUGUST 1, 1951 AND JUNE 12, 1961, REGARDING THE COST AND OPERATION OF THE CONTINENTAL RADAR DEFENCE SYSTEM WITHIN CANADA. I ALSO HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO A MEETING IN OTTAWA ON SEPTEMBER 4 DURING WHICH UNITED STATES OFFICIALS WERE INFORMED OF CANADIAN POLICY DECISIONS RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF CANADA'S DEFENCE PROGRAMME AND OF SEVERAL CONSEQUENT ADJUSTMENTS IN THE PROGRAMME. ONE OF THE ADJUSTMENTS INVOLVES THE CLOSING OF CERTAIN RADAR STA-
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TIONS OF THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTINENTAL RADAR DEFENCE

SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE PINE TREE LINE.

ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH TWO OF THE CANADIAN NOTE OF AUGUST 1, 1951 I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PROPOSE THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

- A. THE STATIONS LOCATED AT ARMSTRONG, FOYMOUNT AND RAYMORE, ALL IN ONTARIO, WILL BE OPERATIONALLY CLOSED DOWN IN APRIL 1974 AND BE TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE COMPLETELY IN SEPTEMBER 1974;
- B. DETAILED AND AGREED ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEACTIVATION PROGRAMME WILL BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS;
AND
- C. THE DISPOSITION OF EXCESS UNITED STATES PROPERTY AT THE SITES WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS OF AUGUST 28, 1961, AND SEPTEMBER 1, 1961, CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL OF UNITED STATES EXCESS PROPERTY IN CANADA.

ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO SUGGEST THAT IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, THIS NOTE AND YOUR REPLY TO THAT EFFECT SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF YOUR REPLY. PLEASE ACCEPT, SIR, THE RENEWED ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT

2. DOD AND STATE ARE REVIEWING TEXT AND WILL PROVIDE EMBASSY GUIDANCE FOR DISCUSSION WITH CANADIAN AUTHORITIES IN OTTAWA. RUSH

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